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For: CATALYTIC COMPOSITION AND A PROCESS FOR OLIGOMERIZING
ETHYLENE, IN PARTICULAR TO 1-HEXENE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- Claim 1,** **Line 1:** Delete "characterized in that it is".
 Line 8: Delete "formed by" and insert --consisting of--.
- Claim 2,** **Line 1:** Delete "characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.
 Line 2: Delete "formed by" and insert --consisting of--.
 Line 3: Delete "or" and insert --and--.
- Claim 3,** **Line 1:** Delete "or claim 2, characterized in that" and insert --wherein--.
- Claim 4,** **Line 1:** Delete "any one of claims 1 to 3" and insert --claim 1--.

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- Claim 5, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 6, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 5" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 7, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 6" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 8, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 7" and insert --claim 1--.
- Claim 9, Line 1: Delete "any one of claims 1 to 8" and insert --claim 1--.

10. (Amended) [An ethylene oligomerization process using] In a process of oligomerizing ethylene in contact with a catalyst, the improvement wherein the catalyst is a catalytic composition according to [any one of claims 1 to 9] claim 1.

REMARKS

A principle purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiply dependent claims and the fee associated therewith, Applicants reserving the right to reintroduce claims to canceled combined subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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